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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

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1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, US-CZECHOSLOVAK AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT (ATA) EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 1976. DEPARTMENT AND CAB BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO SEE IF PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN DIRECT CSA-PAN AM TALKS (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN LONDON DECEMBER 7) BEFORE DECIDING ON NEED FOR AND TIMING OF GOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT ALLOWING ATA TO LAPSE WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE AND ARE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE ISSUE OF EXTENSION UNTIL END-DECEMBER.

2. BUSY NEGOTIATION SCHEDULE OF BOTH CAB AND DEPARTMENT MAKE DATE FOR FUTURE US-CZECHOSLOVAK BILATERAL TALKS UNCERTAIN. DEPARTMENT AND CAB FAVOR PROPOSING TO CZECHS THAT WE EXTEND CURRENT AGREEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS TO PROVIDE AIRLINES WITH SUFFICIENT TIME TO WORK OUT VIABLE COMMERCIAL

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ARRANGEMENT.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON COURSE OF ACTION
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